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INTERNET FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any policy to provide Internet facility in all the districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this facility is likely to be provided;

(c) the number of applications pending with the Government to provide Internet facilities in the country, State-wise;

(d) the action taken thereon;

(e) the names of the cities proposed to connected with Internet during the year 2000-2001, state-wise;

(f) whether uninterrupted supply of power has been ensured to run Internet; and
(g) if not, the alternative arrangements thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): As per the Government Gazette notification dated 25th July 98, Internet facility has been made available in all district headquarters of the country on local call basis from the nearest Internet Node.

(c) State-wise waiting list of Internet subscriber is as per Annexure-I (As on 30.09.2000). This includes Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL)/Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.(VSNL)/Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL).

(d) BSNL is in process of establishing a National Internet Backbone Phase I, this Backbone will cover 45 stations in the first phase for which equipment has been received and installed. The commissioning of these nodes is under progress and project is likely to be completed by December 2000 end.

(e) The list of cities proposed to have Internet Nodes during 2000-2001 is as per list enclosed (Annexure-II).

(f) Yes, Sir, so far as the power supply requirements for running the Internet node equipment is concerned.

(g) Does not arise in view of (f) above.